

- b) applying a first coating to at least a part of said base;
- c) applying at least a second coating over at least a portion of said first coating; and
- d) during formation of said pattern, modifying at least a portion of said first coating over-covered by said second coating such that a characteristic of said first coating is altered;

wherein said edge alignment is achieved without mechanically altering an edge portion of either applied coating.

28. (currently amended) A method of forming a laminate pattern of coatings onto a material with alignment between at least two of successive coatings along at least one defined edge of the pattern as well as at at least one area of the successive coatings not immediately adjacent said edge, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a base having at least three surfaces, said base forming a support substrate for said material;
- b) modifying said base to provide a desired pattern of edges;
- c) applying a first coating having a first coating portion whose shape is modifiable by energy applied during said method of forming to at least one of a first surface of said base; and
- d) applying at least a second coating over at least a portion of said first coating so as to define a laminate pattern of coatings with perimeter coating alignment along at least one defined edge, wherein said alignment is achieved without mechanical alteration to either of said base, said first coating, and said second coating;

wherein said first coating portion is modified after step (d) is carried out, during said forming a laminate pattern of coatings.

35. (currently amended) The method of claim 32, further including [transferring] transferring at least one of said coatings by application of at least one material or force selected from a group consisting of (i) pressure, (ii) heat, (iii) radiation, (iv) treatment, (v) liquid, (vi) powder, (vii) stamping, (viii) deposition, (ix) sublimation, (x) electrostatic attraction, (xi) electrostatic repulsion, (xii) magnetic attraction, (xiii) magnetic repulsion, and (xiv) gravity.

36-46. (canceled)